

vetting and screening of foreign nationals who intend to come or are already in the United States.

Marcos S. Scauso, an assistant professor from Cal Poly Pomona's political science department who has closely followed immigration law, raised concerns about whether an increase

connection to pro-Palestine demonstrations, for instance, is scary in the sense that now protesting, which should be a right that we have with freedom of speech, is now under the table for students with visas," Scauso said. "If you have a student visa and you were involved in some of these protests, you're now

nology could potentially jeopardize academic freedom at schools like UC San Diego, according to KPBS. Scauso said the political climate and policy uncertainty have already impacted students' decisions about studying in the U.S.

"I mean, it's already affecting students' decisions

during Trump's presidency, emphasizing that a previous warning to return before Inauguration Day was not due to internal concerns, but rather guidance from higher-education authorities.

"We received an email from the Chancellor's Office that we should let them know that they should arrive before

She added that they stay informed by communicating with other schools, sharing information and receiving updates from the Chancellor's Office. While Trump's past term saw relatively stable visa approvals for international students, concerns remain regarding potential restrictions.

coming to campus to protect their families," Morales said. Although Morales is not an international student, she recognizes that changing policies can have indirect effects on students' sense of security.

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Soaring egg prices change student habits

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Egg prices have hit all-time highs lately as an outbreak of a highly contagious avian influenza, commonly referred to as bird flu, from December 2024 claimed the lives of 13.2 million egg-laying birds.

Although millions of people across the country have been struggling to deal with the rise in egg prices, Californians are most affected since prices for a dozen eggs tripled and quadrupled in California.

Students at Cal Poly Pomona have had a hard time adjusting to not only the rise in egg prices, but also the lack of eggs on store shelves. The rise in prices has affected students' shopping habits, including how often they shop for eggs and where they go to buy them.

Danna Wu, a psychology student, said her shopping habits have changed due to the recent price surges.

"I definitely don't buy eggs as much anymore," Wu said. "I used to go on biweekly grocery runs to pick up eggs and milk, but now I only go to pick up milk whenever we run low. Eggs don't even come into factor anymore."

Wu said she used to buy 20 eggs at a time, and the last time she bought a dozen eggs three weeks ago, they were \$11. The rising costs have impacted her decision to buy more eggs, and she plans on stopping for the next few weeks.

Wu said she has also had to adjust her weekly food budget to reflect the recent changes regarding eggs.

"It's definitely taken an impact on my food budget as I use my CalFresh benefits sparingly nowadays," Wu said. "I feel like groceries in general have gone up in terms of price, and sometimes it's more worth it to go out to eat. Additionally, I love eating fresh baked bread from bakeries, but with the rising cost of eggs, I don't think it would be worth it to go out of my way to bakeries to purchase bread that is likely to reflect those rising prices as well."

Wu is one of 28,000 undergraduate students who relies on CalFresh for food and groceries.

Some students, including international business student Brandon Torres, have even been forced to look for eggs at places other than their usual shopping locations entirely, as shelves

that were once filled with eggs have since been quickly emptied out by anxious consumers. Poultry farms in Chino have experienced long lines of customers, as they sell out all the eggs daily before noon.

"I have looked at multiple stores to see the difference in price, but since it's been pretty high, I have not really bought them," Torres said. "Last semester, me and my friends would always split the price of eggs between the three of us, but recently we have only bought eggs if our parents are here and they get it for us. I personally think it's not worth it to buy eggs right now at their high price point."

Students often rely on eggs as quick and reliable sources of food as they are high in protein and easy to cook. Unfortunately, the price increase has led many students to cut back on some of their favorite meals.

Torres said the current prices of eggs have led him to have to find protein in his meals from other food sources.

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Stores across the country have put up signs like this one, with many limiting customers to a certain amount of egg cartons.

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The 309 acre property owned by CPP is used as a filming location.

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THE POLY POST INVESTIGATES *Lanterman operates at \$7M deficit*

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Cal Poly Pomona has brought in more than \$10 million in revenue from Hollywood film projects on the 309-acre property given to the campus from the state in 2015 that was once the Lanterman Developmental Center.

The stewardship of the land, now known as Campus South, is run through CPP Foundation Inc.'s real estate department. According to university officials, including

CPP President Soraya M. Coley, the revenue is used for operating costs, making the property "self-sustaining." However, through an extensive public records search, The Poly Post investigative team uncovered Lanterman operates at a loss of almost \$7 million, despite more than \$10 million in profits between 2015 and 2023.

According to a Lanterman property development update from Jan. 11, 2021, the project's main goal was to "revitalize the approximately 300-acre site into a thriving and active live, learn, work

and play community." But CPP has had issues finding a consistent developer. According to a presentation given during an Academic Senate meeting Feb. 5, two developers have been involved with Lanterman since 2017.

"It's not just a Cal Poly problem, it's a problem everywhere across the country right now; development is so hard to get off the ground," said Anthony Orlando, an associate professor of finance, real estate and law and the faculty representative appointed by the Academic Senate for

the Lanterman project. "It's a lot about risk-sharing. The question is who is going to put the money down. Cal Poly's been clear from the start. We aren't putting any Cal Poly dollars into this, so it's how to get a developer comfortable with spending their capital."

According to The Poly Post investigations, there have been numerous plan shifts, disruptions to development, changing revenue streams and a three-year update hiatus throughout CPP's 10-year ownership of the property.

In the 2017-2019 biennial

report published by CPP Foundation, it was reported Lanterman had been used for film productions. Due to funding limitations set out by the state, CPP Foundation's real estate department partnered with RSI Locations, a filming location management company, to rent the property to filmmakers.

Between 2015-2016 and 2022-2023 academic years, Campus South has

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\$9M demolition of Palmitas, Cedritos dorms begins

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The \$9 million demolition project has officially begun, in accordance with the Chancellor's Office, to remove the abandoned Palmitas and Cedritos residential halls, the La Cienega Center and the Los Olivos Commons as a part of the California State University Five-Year Plan to remove structures built on

the active earthquake fault.

The demolition of the building completed in 1968 and site restoration, according to the CSU Five-Year Plan, will be funded with student housing reserves and Statewide Revenue Bonds.

The Secoya and Sicomoro residential halls were built as replacement dorms for Palmitas and Cedritos, while the new dining facility, Centerpointe Dining Commons, was built to replace Los

Olivos Commons, until the COVID-19 pandemic put demolition plans to a staggering pause. The setback resulted in years of neglect for the facilities, while the newest dorms stood tall with eight floors to keep housing procedures steadily available for students.

While they were in operation, the aging residence halls and commons had issues with heating, ventilation, air conditioning and

hazardous materials like asbestos.

Bruyn Bevans, the senior project manager in Facilities Design and Construction, manages the demolition of these buildings and ensures every worker involved, and the university's safety, is his top priority.

"Our job is to make sure our contractors work safely," Bevans said. "They have



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The old residence halls are particularly remembered for their distinct, one-of-a-kind architectural layout differing from the current dorms.

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